

MUCH LIKE OTHER WRITERS

Fielding's Methods of Composition Differed Little From Those of Better Known Men of Letters

Fielding's methods of composition were not very different from those of other men who made literature their profession, according to Walter Cross in the Yale Review.

SPORT IS WORTH WATCHING

National Ball Game of the Basque Mountaineers That Calls for All Sorts of Resourceful Work

However modest as a geographical unit may be the Basque mountaineers of the Pyrenees, there remains in their credit a national ball game which will yield nothing to the finest sport of the Anglo-Saxon people.

Poetry Simpler Than Prose

Poetry, which actively acknowledges the ecstatic monotony that lives in the heart of all rhythm, brings it out into the light, and there opens windows upon it.

British Self Control

Behind every manifestation of thought or emotion the Briton retains control of self, and is thinking, "That's all I'll let them see," even "That's all I'll let myself feel."

Fountains in Lisbon

A delightful feature that attracts the attention in Lisbon, the capital of Portugal, is the many fountains to be found everywhere.

Fly Pests

Among the tall timbers of the anopheles nearly every horse is decorated with a red evening and his cliff whiskers to snuff off hot flies, but if about as effective as a bishop's scalplock would be.

American Mountain Sheep

In America there are six species of mountain sheep. The largest and best known is the truly magnificent big horn, also called Rocky mountain sheep.

Science Useless

As a means of recreation and exercise during winter months a gymnasium was started in combination with a cricket club, an institution in itself being a novel thing.

Asked for Information

A Mason (derivation, in order to test the accuracy of the Bureau of Information at the St. Louis University, asked a man in charge if he could tell him in which of the Bibles he could find Paul's Epistle to the Romans.

Lights and the Color Scheme

Did you ever wish that you could get electric light bulbs to match the color scheme of your room? If so you are already discontented the fact is, for you may color them at home.

Soap Plants

It is said that at least half a dozen plants in the United States contain saponin enough to make them acceptable substitutes for manufactured soap.

What is a Substitute?

In one sense what we call substitutes in the lines of present-day food thrift really are substitutes and in another sense they are not.

Taking What Comes

You must take what you can get these days," said the philosophical citizen. "Yes," replied the weary one, "but some of these telephone numbers I got aren't of the slightest use to me."

THACED "FLUSHER" TO LAIR WORK IN SHADOW OF DEATH

Western Man Found One in New York That Will Give Any of Them a Hard Run.

"The newest 'flusher' is the fellow who gives you the silver voice over the phone. He is related to the common or garden variety of fourflushers.

AXIOMS CREDITED TO BIG MEN

That of J. P. Morgan Has for a Long Time Been Considered the Most Famous

"The way to great riches is to be frugal," was one of Theodore N. Vail's very axioms according to the Wall Street Journal.

Harrison had a son he was fond of quoting. "The judge delimitates us to the power of taxation, and it is never safe to look into the future with eyes of fear."

"You can get success better with bare hands than with gold gloves," is a Schopenhauer maxim much to the point.

"Facts," asserted de Motteville, "are the most useless thing in the world," given you a sufficient number of them.

It was Louis I. Brandeis who coined the phrase that it is a great mistake to have the high cost of doing business in the country as "the cost of high living."

One of the most famous of all modern business maxims was that originated by J. P. Morgan. "You can't understand an investment. There was never economic meaning in these words, they were merely realized at the time they were uttered, namely when it was first ascertained that the government contemplated a suit to dissolve the billion-dollar combination.

Wrote the late Burns wrote the words of "Bonnie Doon," was an old Scottish air called "The Cavalonin Henr's Delight," and an effort has been made to trace it to a still older Irish air.

Tackling a Job. There are two ways to tackle a job. One sees in it no reason to be thankful for a busy useful day, rather every cause for dissatisfaction.

Not Defenseless. The tale of little George Washington and the cherry tree is of more than dubious authority; but a smaller who recently related it to her mother so learned that, if it is to be used for the edification of young Americans it is better, at least, served plain, with no attempt at enhancement or emphasis.

Slept on and Under Feathers. The Dutch colonists in America managed to fight the cold more successfully than any of the other colonists, and it was their custom to have a feather mattress to sleep upon and another to sleep under.

Lives of Those Engaged in Manufacture of Explosives Are of Necessity in Constant Danger.

Explosives are, almost or quite without exception, composed of substances which are endothermic in character; that is, heat energy is absorbed when they are formed, and this heat is liberated when they decompose.

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WORTHY TO VEIL ROYALTY

Queen of Siam the Possessor of Probably Most Magnificent Garment in the World.

The queen of Siam owns a toilet article which is altogether calculated to fill the hearts of all other ladies of the kingdom with ardent desire and envy. For the queen is the happy possessor of a veil capable of beautifying her face most wonderfully.

Part of this three-meters-long veil is intended to conceal the face, while the remainder flows down over the figure and closely nestles to the body. The veil, which falls over the back, is completely sewn over with diamond dust, while the part in front is less dusted so as not to impair the face and the organs of sense.

The tissue of the veil is so prepared as to cause changes in color when exposed to the air. No sooner has the queen stepped into the street than the veil assumes a delicate rose hue, which deepens and, as it were, becomes intimate the longer it remains in the open.

The veil has been credited with possessing the most wonderful powers. For a century it has been in the possession of the royal house of Siam, and although constantly used and exposed to all kinds of influences of the weather it has not lost anything of its texture and beauty.

Courtesy a Business Asset. Courtesy is the life of trade. To be sure you must have the goods, but courtesy helps to sell them. A certain big establishment has a man whose chief business is to meet people and make them feel at home.

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Sensitive to Light. Recent experiments have demonstrated the degree of sensitivity that plants exhibit toward light. Cross seedlings showed a distinct curvature after an exposure of only two seconds to a light of 200 candle power.

Quite a Difference. "She thinks her hair is curly," remarked Miss Felicia Fewclothes, in discussing a girl acquaintance, "but as a matter of fact it isn't curly; it's merely unorganized." — Indianapolis Star.

It Was. "Was it a high fever your husband had?" "Well, we didn't think so until the doctor sent in his bill." — Boston Transcript.

Business and Bureaucracy.

As in business where initiative is essential for success, just so in bureaucracy is the exact reverse the case—initiative involves a willingness to venture, to take a risk, in order to secure a desired end.

Thrift. A man takes a short cut to poverty when he comes to believe that he has no talent for saving or making money. A man can by patience, application, and little taste or genius. At least, this is the principle upon which psychologists work, and to which innumerable men bear testimony.

Varying Tastes in Humor. There is no accounting for taste in humor. It varies from generation to generation. It varies even in a single individual. Where are the jokes of his youth? To think that he once laughed at them, now almost makes him writhe. But then, there are his children. He has the consolation of seeing them explode at the old jests which have come to seem to him as utterly dead and empty.

MEAN MRS. SMITH. With stores of the national capital opening at ten o'clock each morning on account of the influenza epidemic, women of the city will have to work fast to buy their new fall hats.

Frog's Remarkable Peculiarities.

In the manner of disposing of their eggs many species of frogs exhibit remarkable peculiarities. One of the most curious is a tree frog, native of that the reason it soils more furniture, carpets and general furnishings is that a number of leaves are drawn to the town. Courtesy and service is the number of empty egg-capsules. The eggs are also covered with a shield of empty capsules, to protect them from sun and air.

When Brought to Justice. "What is your opinion of the kaiser?" "Is he insane?" "Don't think so," replied the lawyer. "But insanity will probably be the only plea he can put up."

NATURALLY. "This winter there is one thing at least which will not be affected by the high cost of living." "What is that?" "The low temperature."

THE WAY OF IT.

"Sir, I want to marry your daughter. I can support her." "Then you will have to do it with patience and resignation as I've done her mother."

REVISED OPINION.

First Boche—The kaiser said these Yanks won't fight. Second Ditto—He's got it all wrong. They won't stop.

ONLY LIVING BUDDHIST KING

Ruler of Siam Noted for His Pronounced Aversion to Women, Despite Good Qualities.

In marked contrast to the late king, his father, who had three queens and 175 other wives, the present king of Siam is such a strict celibate that he will not have any women near him.

The present king enjoys the unique distinction of being the only living Buddhist monarch. His is an absolute monarchy, under an Anglo-French protectorate.

The Siamese are great admirers of American institutions and are keen for education. Before the war Siam had a standing army of 40,000 and a navy, but under inefficient native command.

The present king is a playwright and numismatist, courteous and agreeable.

TOO QUIET

"This is certainly a nice, quiet spot we picked out for our honeymoon." "It's too quiet. I haven't seen a work-shaking fellow since we arrived."



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